

STATE AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Implementation Details for the SADC's New County Planning Incentive Grant Program

Procedure #3

Purpose:

To identify the procedures for encumbering funds for an application for the sale of a Development Easement immediately following SADC final approval.

Authority:

N.J.S.A. 4:1C-43.1

N.J.A.C. 2:76-17.14

Guidelines:

- I. Implementation Details for the SADC's New County Planning Incentive Grant Program - Procedure #2 [adopted January 24, 2008] details the SADC requirements for acquiring SADC final approval for a cost share grant on the sale of a development easement.**
- II. At the time of SADC final approval the grant for each farm will be encumbered with a 3% buffer to its acreage to reduce the risk of a shortfall of funds for the SADC cost share. This buffer applies to either a base or competitive grant encumbrances, pending funding availability.**
- III. If a farm's final acreage is found to be more than the 3% buffer could accommodate, the applicant may not seek an amended final approval in order to change the fund encumbrance from the competitive grant funds, but may utilize unused base grant funds if available. ***
- IV. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 2:76-17.14 and SADC Procedure #2, Section III, final approval shall first encumber all funds from the base grant.**
 - A. Any unused funds encumbered from the base grant shall be returned to County's base grant for use on other projects by that County.
 - B. If additional base grant funds are needed due to an increase in acreage the grant may be adjusted so long as there are unencumbered base grant funds available.
- V. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 2:76-17.14 and SADC Procedure #2, Section IV, when all base grant funds have been encumbered final approval shall encumber funds from the competitive grant, subject to availability and limited to the \$3 million cap per County.**
 - A. Any unused funds encumbered from the competitive grant shall be returned to the competitive grant for use by any County competing for those grant funds.
 - B. No additional competitive grant funds can be sought after final approval. Increases in acreage that result in a shortfall of SADC funding must be covered by a landowner donation or other authorized funding source (Municipality, County, Federal and/or Nonprofit), or unencumbered and available base grant funds.

* SADC final approval may be amended if error is due to SADC administration of the application.